

17. When Caribs were asked whence they came, they answered, "We alone are people." ¹ The meaning of the name Kiowa is "real or principal people." ³ The Lapps call themselves "men," or "human beings."³ The Greenland Eskimo think that Europeans have been sent to Greenland to learn virtue and good manners from the Greenlanders. Their highest form of praise for a European is that he is, or soon will be, as good as a Greenlander.⁴ The Tunguses call themselves "men." ⁵ As a rule it is found that nature peoples call themselves "men." Others are something else — perhaps not defined — but not real men. In myths the origin of their own tribe is that of the real human race. They do not account for the others. The Ainos derive their name from that of the first man, whom they worship as a god. Evidently the name of the god is derived from the tribe name.⁰ When the tribal name has another sense, it is always boastful or proud. The Ovambo name is a corruption of the name of the tribe for themselves, which means "the wealthy." ⁷ Amongst the most remarkable people in the world for ethnocentrism are the Sen of Lower California. They observe an attitude of suspicion and hostility to all outsiders, and strictly forbid marriage with outsiders.⁸

18. The Jews divided all mankind into themselves and Gentiles. They were the "chosen people." The Greeks and Romans called all outsiders "barbarians." In Euripides' tragedy of *Iphigenia in Aulis* Iphigenia says that it is fitting that Greeks should rule over barbarians, but not contrariwise, because Greeks are free, and barbarians are slaves. The Arabs regarded themselves as the noblest nation and all others as more or less barbarous.⁹ In 1896, the Chinese minister of education and his counselors edited a manual in which this statement occurs: "How grand and glorious is the Empire of China, the middle kingdom! She is the largest and richest in the world. The grandest men in the world have all come from the middle empire."¹⁰ In all the literature of all the states equivalent statements occur, although they are not so naively expressed. In Russian books and newspapers the civilizing mission of Russia is talked about, just as, in the books and journals of France, Germany, and the United States, the civilizing mission of those countries is assumed and referred to as well understood. Each state now regards itself as the leader of civilization, the

best, the
freest, and the wisest, and all others as inferior. Within a few
years our
own man-on-the-curbstone has learned to class all foreigners
of the Latin

¹ Martius, *Ethnog. Brazil.*, 51. ³ Wiklund, *Om Lapparna i Sverige*, 5.

² *Bur. Eth.* + XIV, 1078. ⁴ Fries, *Gronland*, 139.

⁵ Hiekisch, *Tungusen*, 48.

⁶ Hitchcock in *U. S. Nat. Mus.*, 1890, 432.

Ratzel, *Hist. Mankind*, II, 539.

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8 *Bur. Eth.*, XVII (Part I), 154.

⁹ Von Kremer, *Kulturgesch. d. Orients*, II, 236.

¹⁰ Bishop, *Korea*, 438.